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SUBJECT: IMPASSE ON OIL COMPANY COMPENSATION

REF: A) KINSHASA 7023; B) KINSHASA 7086; C) STATE 205654

1. TEXACO REGIONAL REP SUDER MET WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL MUTOMBO FRIDAY, SEPT 3, AND CAME AWAY WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT PORTEFEUILLE WAS SOFTENING THE CONDITIONS OF THE JUNE 28 LETTER.

2. MUTOMBO WHO ADVISED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN BOTH THE APRIL 15 AGREEMENT AND THE JUNE 28 LETTER PROFESSED THAT HE SAW NO NECESSARY INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE TWO. HE AGREED WITH SUDER THAT THE APRIL 15 AGREEMENT WAS FAIR AND JUST FOR BOTH SIDES AND THAT THERE WAS NO REASON TO MODIFY IT. HE ADDED THAT IF THE AFFECTED COMPANIES WOULD AGREE TO IT THEY COULD COME TO A DEFINITIVE UNDERSTANDING AND PROCEED WITH THE FORMATION OF THEIR COMPANIES. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE STABILIZATION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKELY INSIST ON A FEW SMALL CHANGES WHICH HE COULDN'T SPECIFY AT THE MOMENT BUT HE THOUGHT THE PETROLEUM COMPANIES

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WOULD NOT FIND THEM TROUBLESOME. SUDER HAD WARNED MUTOMBO DURING

THE COURSE OF THE MEETING THAT UNLESS THE DOUBTS ABOUT THE COMPENSATION QUESTION WERE LAID TO REST THE COMPANIES COULD NEVER GET THE PETROLEUM COMPANIES IN OPERATION BY JANUARY 77. AND NOW WITH MAMBU AND MPEYE TAKING OFF FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD THERE IS NO ONE AVAILABLE WITH WHOM THEY COULD REACH AN AGREEMENT. MUTOMBO SAID HE APPRECIATED THEIR CONCERN OVER THE COMPENSATION ISSUE BUT SAID HE THOUGHT THEY WERE ILL FOUNDED. FURTHERMORE HE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SIGN THE AGREEMENTS ON THE BEHALF OF PORTEFEUILLE WHILE MPEYE'S DEPUTY, GAHUNGA, CAN SIGN FOR PETRO-ZAIRE. THEREFORE, IF THE PETROLEUM COMPANIES ARE READY TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT THEY WOULD FIND THEM READY.

3. SUDER THINKS THAT TEXACO, MOBIL AND SHELL, AT LEAST, MAY FIND THE ABOVE AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS TO REACH A COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON WHERE THE AGREEMENT STANDS AFTER THE JUNE 28 LETTER. HE CAUTIONS, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS NOTHING IN WRITING AND THE SOFTENING MAY PROVE ILLUSIONARY. NEVERTHELESS, HE BRIEFED THE LOCAL MOBIL REP (DU BRULE) ON THE MEETING AND THEY BOTH WILL BE ADVISING THEIR RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS.

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